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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE SECRETARY KISSINGER SAN CLEMENTE PRESS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 5

SUMMARY: JAPANESE MEDIA (PRESS AND TV) EVENING JANUARY 4 REPORTED SECRETARY'S SAN CLEMENTE PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS ON ENERGY CRISIS, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO JAPAN. TONE FOR FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE SET BY HEADLINES WHICH PORTRAYED PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS AS WARNING TO JAPAN AGAINST DEALING WITH ENERGY CRISIS ON BASIS OF OWN NATIONAL INTEREST TO EXCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. MOST MEDIA REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE NOTED HIS EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT PRODUCERS LIVE IN SAME HIGHLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD AS CONSUMERS, IN WHICH RECESSION IN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS COULD ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF OIL PRODUCING NATIONS.

PRESS QUOTED SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT UNRESTRAINED COMPETITION (FOR OIL) AMONG CONSUMING NATIONS COULD LEAD TO CONTINUING PRICE

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INCREASES DISASTROUS FOR ALL, IN VIEW OF WHICH IT QTE SUICIDAL

UNQTE TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL POLICY.

2. PRESS REPORTED THRUST OF SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO CHECK ANY NATION, INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT HE CONFIDENT THAT JAPANESE RECOGNIZE THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH ENERGY CRISIS ON PURELY NATIONAL INTEREST BASIS WOULD CREATE VARIETY OF INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS, SUCH AS PRICE RISES AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (FOR OIL.) SECRETARY ALSO QUOTED AS CONFIDENT THAT JAPAN WOULD AGREE THAT IT CAN ONLY SOLVE PROBLEMS IT NOW FACES WITHIN ONLY INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK AVAILABLE.

3. PRESS GENERALLY ADDED LITTLE COMMENTARY TO BUREAU REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON, EXCEPT TO NOTE GOJ CONCERN ABOUT APPARENT DIFFERENCE IN MIDDLE EAST POLICY BETWEEN JAPAN AND US. ASAHI SPECULATED THAT SECRETARY, OUT OF CONCERN TO STRESS NEED TO MAINTAIN UNITY OF ALLIED NATIONS INCLUDING EUROPE, MAY HAVE DIRECTED RENEWED ATTENTION TO OBVIOUS LIMITS OF POLICY BASED ON JAPAN'S OWN REQUIREMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF DEPUTY PRIMIN MIKI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN THAT POSITION.

4. COMMENT: PRESS FOCUSSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON OIL QUESTION AND CONVEYED REASONED ARGUMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN BEST INTEREST OF ALL NATIONS CONCERNED, ALTHOUGH ALMOST ALL PRESS HEADLINES DID TEND TO PORTRAY REMARKS AS IMPLICIT WARNING TO JAPAN NOT TO GO IT ALONE IN DEALING WITH OIL CRISIS. NO EDITORIALS ON SUBJECT HAVE APPEARED YET (MONDAY). END COMMENT. SHOESMITH

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